

## REMARKS

### 1. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 4–6, 8, 9, and 14, 15, and 20–23 are pending. Claims 2, 3, 7, 10–13, and 16–19 are canceled.

### 2. Ex Parte Quayle Action

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 1, 4–6, 8, 9, and 14, 15, and 20–23 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawn and unexamined claims 2, 3, 11–13, and 16–19 are hereby canceled.

### 3. Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of this amendment and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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